

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (New): An information processing apparatus operably linked to a device, said information processing apparatus comprising:

a device authenticating unit configured to authenticate the device;

a memory configured to store device information of the device and content information which is stored in the device;

an updating unit configured to update the device information and the content information based on an information from the linked device; and,

a display control unit configured to control display of the device information and the content information;

wherein the display control unit is responsive to the updating unit to reflect the updated device information and content information on a display.

Claim 18 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein the display control unit controls the display in a different way to reflect the device information or the content information based upon the device not being operably linked to the information processing apparatus.

Claim 19 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein the display control unit controls display of the updated device information or the updated content information in a form of tree structure.

Claim 20 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 17, further comprising:

a receiving unit configured to receive operation of the content transferred from the device to the information processing apparatus or from the information processing apparatus to the device,

wherein the updating unit updates the content information.

Claim 21 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising:

an operation control configured to control operation of the content according to a usage condition corresponding to the content.

Claim 22 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 17, further comprising:

a transmitting unit configured to transmit the content information to the device; and,

a receiving unit configured to receive the content information updated in the device from the device,

wherein updating unit updates the device information and the content information based on the reception of the receiving unit.

Claim 23 (New): A method of exchanging information between an information processing apparatus and operably linked device, comprising:

storing device information of the device, and, content information of the device to a memory;

authenticating the operably linked device;

updating the device information and content information based on information from the operably linked device;

controlling display of the device information and the content information on a display; and,

updating the display based upon the updated information to reflect on the display the updated device information and content information.

Claim 24 (New): The method according to Claim 23, wherein the display is altered to reflect the device information or the content information based upon the device not being operably linked to the information processing apparatus.

Claim 25 (New): The method according to Claim 23, wherein the updated device information or the updated content information is displayed in a form of tree structure.

Claim 26 (New): The method according to Claim 23, further comprising:
transceiving the content transferred from the device to the information processing apparatus or from the information processing apparatus to the device,
updating the content information based on the transceiving.

Claim 27 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 26,
further comprising:

controlling the content according to a usage condition corresponding to the content.

Claim 28 (New): The method according to Claim 23, further comprising:
transmitting the content information to the device; and,
receiving the content information updated in the device from the device,
wherein updating unit updates the device information and the content information is
updated based on the reception.

Claim 29 (New): A computer readable carrier including computer program
instructions that cause a computer to implement a method of exchanging information between
an information processing apparatus and an operably linked device, the method comprising:
storing device information of the device, and, content information of the device to a
memory;
authenticating the operably linked device;
updating the device information and content information based on information from
the operably linked device;
controlling display of the device information and the content information on a display;
and,
updating the display based upon the updated information to reflect on the display the
updated device information and content information.